

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Cancelled)
2. (New) A method of measuring a blood component using a dry analytical element, wherein said dry analytical element comprises a serum that is prepared by freezing or freeze drying but not dialysis, further wherein said blood component is selected from the group consisting of blood urea nitrogen, uric acid, total cholesterol, creatinine, albumin, high density lipoprotein cholesterol, magnesium, alkaline phosphatase, and creatine kinase subunit MB.
3. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein said blood component is uric acid or alkaline phosphatase.